

## Advice for whose parents commit aspects of polytheism

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** Some Muslim brothers have problems with their parents because of their committing Shirk (polytheism) and not accepting their advice. What would you advise them to do? Great troubles have occurred between those Muslim brothers and their parents.

**Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee** (May Allaah the Most High preserve him): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

They should direct them and call them to Allaah (Mighty and Majestic is He), and they should not leave them, but should behave with them in the world with kindness as the verse states:

(وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا)

**[But if they (both) strive with you to make you join in worship with Me others that of which you have no knowledge, then, obey them not; but behave with them in the world kindly]<sup>1</sup>**

They should also invite them to religion kindly; avoid coarseness and repelling hardness as Allaah (Mighty and Majestic is He) said:

(ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ)

**[Invite (mankind, O Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)) to the Way of your Lord (i.e. Islaam) and wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Revelation and the Qur'aan) and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better]<sup>2</sup>**

In fact, this followed way of calling (to Allaah) is one of the most important reasons of benefiting the common people with the callers' invitation, guidance and directions. The Prophet (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) already said:

**"If Allaah guides a single person to embrace Islaam at your hand (i.e. through you) that will be better for you than the red camels"<sup>3</sup>.**

<sup>1</sup> Soorah Luqmaan [31:15]

<sup>2</sup> Soorah an-Nahl (The Bee) [16:125]

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The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*The Exalted, The Most High*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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<sup>3</sup> Reported by Al-Bukhaaree, chapter of "Jihaad" (hadeeth 2942) concerning the battle of Khaybar and Muslim, chapter of "Merits of the Companions" (hadeeth 6367) from the hadeeth of Sahl Ibn Sa'ad (*May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him*).